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To encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States
and to provide additional resources for extradition.

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Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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for extradition.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fugitive Information
5 Networked Database Act of 2009” or the “FIND Act of
6 2009”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

8 In this Act, the term “National Crime Information
9 Center database” means the computerized index of crimi-
10 nal justice information operated by the Federal Bureau

1 of Investigation pursuant to section 534 of title 28, United
2 States Code, and available to Federal, State, and local law
3 enforcement and other criminal justice agencies.

4 **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE STATES TO ENTER FEL-**
5 **ONY WARRANTS.**

6 (a) STATE SYSTEM.—A State Attorney General may,
7 in consultation with local law enforcement and any other
8 relevant government agencies, apply for a grant from the
9 United States Attorney General to—

10 (1) develop and implement secure, electronic
11 warrant management systems that permit the
12 prompt preparation, submission, and validation of
13 warrants and are compatible and interoperable with
14 the National Crime Information Center database; or

15 (2) upgrade existing electronic warrant manage-
16 ment systems to ensure compatibility and interoper-
17 ability with the National Crime Information Center
18 database;

19 to facilitate information sharing and to ensure that felony
20 warrants entered into State and local warrant databases
21 can be automatically entered into the National Crime In-
22 formation Center database. The grant funds may also be
23 used to hire additional personnel, as needed, for the vali-
24 dation of warrants entered into the National Crime Infor-
25 mation Center database.

1 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant
2 authorized under subsection (a), a State shall submit to
3 the United States Attorney General—

4 (1) a plan to develop and implement, or up-
5 grade, systems described in subsection (a);

6 (2) a report that—

7 (A) details the number of felony warrants
8 outstanding in the State;

9 (B) describes any backlog of warrants that
10 have not been entered into the State and local
11 warrant databases or into the National Crime
12 Information Center database, over the pre-
13 ceding 3 years (including the number of such
14 felony warrants);

15 (C) explains the reasons for the failure of
16 State and local government agencies to enter
17 felony warrants into the National Crime Infor-
18 mation Center database; and

19 (D) demonstrates that State and local gov-
20 ernment agencies have made good faith efforts
21 to eliminate any such backlog;

22 (3) guidelines for warrant entry by State and
23 local government agencies that will ensure that fel-
24 ony warrants entered into State and local warrant
25 databases will also be entered into the National

1 Crime Information Center database and explain the
2 circumstances in which, as a matter of policy, cer-
3 tain felony warrants will not be entered into the Na-
4 tional Crime Information Center database; and

5 (4) an assurance that the State will implement
6 such practices and procedures as may be necessary
7 to ensure that all felony warrants for Part I crimes
8 (as classified for the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
9 tion's Uniform Crime Report) that are issued after
10 the date of enactment of this Act are entered into
11 the National Crime Information Center database.

12 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each State that receives a
13 grant under this section shall, as a condition of receiving
14 such grant, report to the Attorney General on an annual
15 basis the number of felony warrants entered into the State
16 and local warrant databases, the number of felony war-
17 rants entered into the National Crime Information Center
18 database, and, with respect to felony warrants not entered
19 into the National Crime Information Center database, the
20 reasons for not entering such warrants.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-
22 propriated to the Attorney General \$25,000,000 for each
23 of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for grants to State and
24 local government agencies for resources to carry out the
25 requirements of this section.

1 **SEC. 4. FBI COORDINATION.**

2 The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall provide to
3 State and local government agencies the technological
4 standard that ensures compatibility and interoperability of
5 all State and local warrant databases with the National
6 Crime Information Center database.

7 **SEC. 5. REPORT REGARDING FELONY WARRANT ENTRY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10 of the United States shall submit to the Committees on
11 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the
12 Senate a report regarding—

13 (1) the number of felony warrants currently ac-
14 tive in each State;

15 (2) the number of those felony warrants that
16 State and local government agencies have entered
17 into the National Crime Information Center data-
18 base;

19 (3) the number of times State and local law en-
20 forcement in each State has been contacted regard-
21 ing a fugitive apprehended in another State over the
22 preceding 3 years; and

23 (4) the number of fugitives from each State
24 who were apprehended in other States over the pre-
25 ceding 3 years but not extradited.

1 (b) ASSISTANCE.—To assist in the preparation of the
 2 report required by subsection (a), the Attorney General
 3 shall provide the Comptroller General of the United States
 4 with access to any information collected and reviewed in
 5 connection with the grant application process described in
 6 section 3.

7 (c) REPORT.—On an annual basis, the Attorney Gen-
 8 eral shall submit to the Committees on the Judiciary of
 9 the House of Representatives and the Senate a report con-
 10 taining the information received from the States under
 11 this section 3(c).

12 **SEC. 6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR FUGITIVE TASK**
 13 **FORCES AND EXTRADITION.**

14 (a) PRESIDENTIAL THREAT PROTECTION ACT OF
 15 2000.—Section 6(b) of the Presidential Threat Protection
 16 Act of 2000 (28 U.S.C. 566 note) is amended by adding
 17 at the end the following: “There are authorized to be ap-
 18 propriated to the Attorney General for the United States
 19 Marshals Service to carry out the provisions of this section
 20 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and \$10,000,000 for
 21 each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014.”.

22 (b) JUSTICE PRISONER AND ALIEN TRANSPORT SYS-
 23 TEM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the At-
 24 torney General for the United States Marshals Service
 25 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2014

- 1 to assist in extradition of fugitives through the Justice
- 2 Prisoner and Alien Transport System.

